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Springfield Man Sentenced to Two Years in Prison for Using Counterfeit Currency

Springfield, IL - Rodger A. Heaton, United States Attorney for the Central District of Illinois, announced today that Jonathan J. Henry, 36, of 1117 N. Walnut, Springfield was sentenced to two years in prison for using counterfeit currency in September 2005. U.S. District Judge Jeanne E. Scott also fined Henry \$500 and ordered that he be under supervised release for three years upon his release from prison.

Henry pled guilty to an information charging him with using counterfeit currency on September 10, 2005, to pay for computer equipment at a Wal-Mart store on the north side of Springfield. After the cashier advised Henry that the currency was counterfeit, Henry retrieved the counterfeit bills and left the store. Approximately 45 minutes later, Henry entered the Wal-Mart store on the south side of Springfield and again attempted to purchase computer equipment using the counterfeit bills. Springfield police officers arrested Henry shortly after he exited the Wal-Mart store.

The charges are the result of an investigation by the United States Secret Service and the Springfield Police Department. The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Joseph H. Hartzler.

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